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(Minutes of OCh/G Staff Meeting, 7 June 1954)

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PRESENT:

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1. [REDACTED] expressed thanks to all concerned for their help in the preparation of the budget estimates for FY 1956. The budget was turned in to St/A on the afternoon of 4 June, ahead of the deadline, and it was indicated that the Geographic Research Area budget was the first from the three areas of ORR to be turned in. [REDACTED] further indicated that he felt that the budget had been realistically prepared, and that major changes in the budget would not be likely without full coordination to reflect Geographic Research Area interests. 25X1A9a

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2. [REDACTED] expressed his thanks to the chiefs of the component divisions and to the staff of OCh/G for their assistance during his period of duty as Acting Ch/G.

3. It was pointed out that the project review mechanism, which was devised to replace the former Project Review Committee at the suggestion of the Inspector General's Office, is now due for further review, inasmuch as the 4-month trial period has elapsed. Division chiefs should be prepared to discuss at the next staff meeting the procedure to be used for project review in the future.

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4. [REDACTED] again raised the problem of consolidating or indexing fragmentary bits of locational data on urban areas as such intelligence is received in D/GL. (See paragraph 8, minutes of OCh/G staff meeting of 10 May 1954). There was a long and searching discussion of this problem, encompassing the propriety of undertaking the function within the Geographic Research Area and its proper allocation within the Area. It was agreed that [REDACTED] should investigate further the exact status of urban analysis work now being done by ESID, IR/CD, USAF (AFOIN), and any other IAC agencies engaged in this activity, and that he be prepared at the next staff meeting to submit specific proposals concerning the job to be done and the method for accomplishing it within existing personnel limits. It was also indicated that [REDACTED] should present samples of the format of the proposed results of this indexing activity. 25X1A9a

5. Attention was called to two briefings in which the Geographic Research Area will be participating in the near future. The ORR Orientation Course will be briefed on the activities of the Geographic Area on 14 June, and [REDACTED] who is scheduled to take up a post as an ORR representative [REDACTED], will be briefed on 17 June. 25X1A9a
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25X1A9a 6. [REDACTED] raised a question concerning arrangements for systematic
25X1X7 reproduction of the photo intelligence keys that have been developed by [REDACTED] 25X1X7
[REDACTED] and which are available for loan to CIA. It was agreed that Mr.
25X1A9a [REDACTED] should discuss this problem further with [REDACTED], particularly 25X1A9a
the cost factor involved in this rather large reproduction job.

7. It was indicated that all those present should familiarize themselves with the contents of CIA Notice N 20-110-6 dated 26 May 1954. This notice establishes a program for career development of junior personnel in CIA, and it is desired to discuss this item in considerable detail in the very near future.